

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

January 1997

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Injured	Estimated Damage Property Crops	Character of Storm
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NEW MEXICO Southeast

NMZ027>029

Guadalupe Mountains Of Eddy County - Eddy County Plains - Lea

06 0600MST

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Heavy Snow

08 1500MST

An upper level storm system that parked itself over Baja California sent waves of energy that helped to produce heavy periods of snow over a three day period. Several places in Eddy County received heavy snow (see below) with Hobbs leading the way in Lea County with 5". Numerous traffic accidents were reported during the three days. Heavy snows also extended into adjacent counties in New Mexico and West Texas.

Heaviest snows included

Hope 12"

Artesia 7"

Carlsbad 5"

Hobbs 5"

TEXAS West

TXZ045>046-050-060

Gaines - Dawson - Andrews - Winkler

06 0600CST

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Heavy Snow

09 0400CST

A snowstorm that sputtered much of its three day life eventually dumped heavy snow in a band from Kermit, through Andrews, and to Lamesa. Numerous traffic accidents were reported during the three days in these counties and surrounding counties with lesser amounts of snow. There were four fatal accidents during the inclement weather--each with one fatality. Three of the deaths were on the 7th and one on the 8th. The deaths will not be recorded in the statistics, since the weather was only considered partly to blame.

The culprit of the snow was an upper level storm system that parked itself over Baja California. The heaviest snow fell on the evening of the 7th, after frustrating forecasters for two days with lack of snowfall. Adjacent areas of New Mexico had heavy snows as well.

Heaviest Snows

Andrews 7.5"

Lamesa 6.0"

Seminole 5.5"